

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STRIP-COATING A METALLIC STRIP-SHAPED
SUBSTRATE WITH A PLASTIC BAND AND STRIP THUS OBTAINED

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The application as filed includes amendments made during the International Stage. Thus, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application, by further amending the claims amended during the International Stage, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

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Please amend the following claims.

Claim 2, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 4, line 1, change "characterised in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "Claims 3 or 4, characterised in that" to --Claim 3, wherein--.

Please add new Claim 14 as follows.

--14. Apparatus in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the means of conveying substrate, the contact roll, the means of casting, the cooling roll and the means of feeding and guiding are

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